

SOMB Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Sex Offender Management Board was called to order on July 15, 2010, at Illinois State Police Facility, Springfield, Illinois. Board Member Tracie Newton called the meeting to order. Chairperson Smith was unable to attend.

Present: Michael Bednarz, Steve Goytia, Verlin Meinz, Jerry Isikoff, Harry Reed, David Gruenenfelder, Peggy Tuszynski, Amy Campanelli, Robin McGinnis, Sheryl Essenburg, Tracie Newton, Dick Winkler, Alesia Crockett

Absent: Excused: Cara Smith, Jack Cutrone, Mickie Owens, Alyssa Williams-Schafer, Carol Corgan

Unexcused: Shauna Boliker, B. Kent Jones, Pat Delphino

A. Welcome/Roll Call

B. UIS Training Update:

Dave Gruenenfelder provided an overview of the training being held November 8-10, 2010 in Bloomington, Illinois. He distributed a copy of the preliminary agenda. A workshop on "Multidisciplinary Teams" was replaced with "Juvenile Offenders".

The invite was emailed to 50 probation offices throughout the state. A regular mailing will go out to treatment providers and IDOC parole. UIS is looking for assistance with promoting the training. Some suggestions made were using ISPA website, AG's website, ATSA, Metropolis 2020, ISP, law enforcement agencies and the polygraph association.

CEU's are being offered through the training. Dave would like to attend the next Board meeting to discuss the final agenda.

C. Approved Providers

a. Training Proposal-September 29-30, 2010

Alesia Crockett discussed the upcoming SOMB training being held in Bloomington. Dr. Craig Latham has agreed to facilitate a two-day workshop entitled "A Developmental Approach to the Assessment of Children with Sexual Behavior Problems" for 250 attendees. Priority will be given to SOMB Approved providers. A "Save the Date" flyer was sent to over 300 Approved Providers. The Board suggested creating a waiting list for those who would like to attend who are not on the provider list.

Cara Smith has agreed to do the "Welcome" and Mike Bednarz has agreed to do the "Closing Remarks" at the workshop.

A summary of the cost was distributed at the meeting. The total cost for the workshop is \$9339.64. There was an extensive discussion regarding the cost of the room rental. Steve Goytia made a motion approving the cost of \$9,339.64 for the two-day workshop. Dick Winkler seconded the motion. All Board members present approved the motion. Alesia will email the "Save the Date" flyer to the members.

The following Board members plan to attend the workshop: (1) Dick Winkler, (2) Steve Goytia, (3) Jerry Isikoff, (4) Mike Bednarz and (5) Mickie Owens.

b. Provider Insurance

Jerry Isikoff explained that provider insurance will no longer cover any services related to sex offenders. Mike Bednarz added that as a medical doctor you cannot get insurance for that because you are indemnified by the state.

D. Goals and Objectives of the Board

Goals and objectives of the Board will be discussed at the next meeting.

E. Legislative Updates

Tracie Newton provided an overview of SB 3084. This bill requires individuals who have never had a duty to register before, to now have a duty to register. If a person is convicted of a misdemeanor or felony offense under the criminal code after July 1, 2011, at the time of conviction the person would be informed of their duty to register as a sex offender. (This will assist Illinois in becoming compliant with the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006).

Individuals who have been removed from the registry because they have completed their registration may have their registration revived if they are convicted of a felony or misdemeanor offense after July 1, 2011. If the sex offense is considered a lifetime registration offense now (because it is a sexual predator offense), the individual will be required to register for life after this new conviction.

This bill deletes the effective date of July 1, 1999 for sexual predator offenses. This means that those people convicted before July 1, 1999 for an offense considered a sexual predator offense, will now have to register for life (previously, these would have had a ten-year registration requirement). Individuals who are in the registry on July 1, 2011 registering for what is now considered a lifetime offense but they were convicted before July 1, 1999, will become lifetime registrants immediately.

Anyone moving to Illinois who has a duty to register in another state would be required to register for life in Illinois (this will make individuals with a deferred judgment or a suspended sentence have to register in Illinois).

F. SOMB Membership

Alesia Crockett discussed the current vacancies on the Board. The Attorney General's office has two vacancies: one for a State's Attorney and one for a treatment provider to replace Jeff Brown. It is anticipated that Sheryl Essenburg will be reappointed. The Governor's office has four vacancies, two judicial and two law enforcement, it needs to fill.

G. New Business

Peggy Tuszynski, 9th Circuit Court Services attended the meeting because she had two questions for the Board regarding (1) SOMB Approved Providers qualifications and (2) Pre-Sentence Investigations (PSI).

Peggy wanted to know was the Board planning to make any other changes to the requirements of Approved Providers referencing the change that required those providing services to juveniles to have a license effective September 10, 2009. She is in the process of hiring a new provider however she is only looking at those who are licensed. Several Board members explained that at the present time no changes are being discussed.

Peggy asked about a standard Pre-sentence Investigation (PSI) for sex offenders and if the State has one. Steve Goytia informed her that there is not a standard sex offender PSI but that it is recommended that someone with sex offender supervision experience and training do PSI's on sex offenders. In addition, he told her that a copy of the offender's evaluation should be attached for review of the courts.

H. **Next Meeting:** September 16, 2010 – Video Conference –IDOC: Chicago and Springfield

I. Adjournment